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Golden Gate Audubon trip to Farallon Is. April 68. Photo by John V. Young

FIELD TRIPS FOR MARCH - APRIL

Saturday, March 8—Grizzly and Joice Islands, Solano County, to observe nesting activities of White-tailed Kites and Marsh Hawks. Ducks and shorebirds also can be seen. Meet at **9 a.m.** in the parking lot of Fairfield's city park on West Texas St. off Freeway 80. Allow 1½ hours driving time from Bay Area. Leaders: Past President Warren Larson, who showed his interesting film on White-tailed Kites at the January meeting, and Rolf Mall, Superintendent of Grizzly Island Game Management Area. Bring lunch, binoculars, scopes, and friends. (Mr. Larson: 525-9149)

Saturday, March 29—A morning trip to Tilden Park in Berkeley to see early migrant and nesting birds. Wildflowers should also be abundant after the winter rains. Meet at Spruce St. Reservoir at Spruce and Grizzly Peak Blvd. at **9 a.m.** Leader, L. R. Leinbach, 526-7649.

Saturday, April 12—Audubon Canyon Ranch, Bolinas Lagoon. Details will be in *April Gull*.

Sunday, April 27—Our annual HARDY SEAFARERS trip on the "Blue Horizon" (photo on cover) and the "Paul G" to observe nesting and migrating sea birds while *circling* the Farallon Islands. This very popular trip has been featured in *Time* magazine, *San Francisco Examiner & Chronicle*, and the *New York Times*. Point Reyes Bird Observatory is conducting extensive research on the Southeast Farallon Island. It is hoped that this island will be included in the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge circle. All those on board will be asked to participate in making bird observation. **The boats will leave Sausalito at 7 a.m. Daylight Saving Time** and return approximately at 4 p.m. Fare: \$10 per person. Make check payable to Golden Gate Audubon Society and *please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope*. Mail it to Mrs. Valeria DaCosta, 2090 Pacific Ave., San Francisco 94109. Details will be sent with acknowledgment. Reservations will close **April 15** or earlier if boats are filled. Leaders will be announced in the *April Gull*.

Our annual Yosemite Park trip will be Memorial weekend, **May 30-June 1**. We have reserved a small number of cottages for the nights of May 29-31. Field trip details and reservation information will be in *April Gull*.

—MRS. VALERIA G. DaCOSTA, *Field Trip Chairman*

FLOWERS, BRISTLECONES AND BUTTERFLIES—MARCH 13

George Whitney will show color slides of his wildflower trip to Bristlecone Pine country at the Golden Gate Audubon meeting on **Thursday, March 13**. His program will also include butterflies in their natural habitat.

The meeting will begin at **7:30 p.m.** in the Rotary Natural Science Center, Lakeside Park, Oakland. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a no-host dinner at Lovely's Buffet, 336 Grand Avenue at Perkins St., one block from the Natural Science Center. Visitors are welcome.—MRS. PHYLLIS ZWEIGART, *Program Chairman*.

Sacramento Audubon Society invites other branches to join their

annual Grasslands field trip, including the Los Banos and San Luis Wildlife Areas. Meet at the Canal Farm Inn, Los Banos, on **Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m.**

A MAJOR DEFEAT FOR CONSERVATION

Many conservationists believe that the conservation movement in this country was set back about 100 years when Walter Hickel replaced Stewart Udall as Secretary of the Interior. It is especially ironic that an oil company man like Hickel should be the head of the Interior Department when the Union Oil Company's disastrous offshore leak has ruined Santa Barbara's beaches and killed thousands of Western Grebes and other sea birds as well as dolphins and fish. According to the *Oakland Tribune*, Santa Barbara County Supervisor George Clyde told the U.S. Senate that Hickel's actions "smacked of hypocrisy and cynicism" when oil firms were allowed to resume their offshore drilling.

The following are comments from several Audubon bulletins:

"With the support of former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, conservationists have fought the construction of the Ramparts Dam in Alaska. So far, they have been able to block construction of this dam that would flood out thousands of acres of marsh lands that serve as nesting areas for the Pacific Flyway birds. This flooding would, also, include extensive pasture areas for Moose and other large mammals of our northlands. With Richard Nixon's appointment of Walter J. Hickel to replace Stewart Udall as Secretary of the Interior, *this and many other conservation battles may be lost*. Hickel has been a main instigator and supporter of the Ramparts Dam project. The dam is not needed for water or electricity. Its only apparent purpose is to make jobs. Hickel's record again and again shows a philosophy of exploiting our natural resources for money. A leader in an area that is a hundred years behind times in conservation measures, Hickel has been antagonistic toward effective measures to help stop pollution and has been described as 'slack toward the conservation of waterways, wildlife, and forests.' Conservationists *must express their demands* that the Secretary of the Interior be concerned about preservation of natural resources, and not interested in them primarily for their monetary value."—Editorial in Fresno Audubon Society Newsletter, Jan. 1969.

"President Nixon has for the most part surrounded himself with a commendable cabinet, but his appointment of Walter J. Hickel has brought forth consternation from all over the U.S. The world of conservation is aghast that he would be picked in view of his record of exploitation in Alaska. . . . His management of the pollution of Cook Inlet is general knowledge. Since he couldn't clean up his own state, it is a matter of concern how he will take care of the other 49. If his appointment is confirmed, **we hope that the members of Congress will keep close watch on his activities.** And here we have the duty of keeping our representatives informed of irregularities. . . ."—Paso Robles Audubon Society's *California Thrasher*, Jan.-Feb. 69.

"A groundswell of opposition to the selection by Nixon of Alaska Governor Walter J. Hickel as Secretary of Interior is gaining momentum as his statements at variance to conservation principles multiply. Notably

sharp is the opposition of the Eskimos and Indians . . . Patrick Goldsworthy (Seattle) and Mike McCloskey (San Francisco), both of the Sierra Club, publicly expressed doubts of Hickel's competence to administer the laws enacted by the last Congress for the protection of National Parks in view of his statements on their 'multiple use.' The same misgivings could extend to his management of wildlife and other natural resources. *Hickel has close connections with the major oil companies and was recommended to Richard Nixon by Robert O. Anderson, head of Atlantic-Richfield Oil Co., which has enormous investments in Alaska's Arctic.*"—Seattle Audubon Society Notes, Jan. 69.

"My suspicions about the suitability of Governor Walter J. Hickel for the position of Secretary of the Interior seem to have been well founded. I'm sure all of you have read about his background and attitudes; certainly one with greater understanding and concern for conservation and with greater respect for the people's resources in land, air and water could have been found for this vital position in our government."—Dr. James E. Crouch, Conservation Chairman, San Diego Audubon *Sketches*, Feb. 1969.

(*Audubon* magazine, Sept.-Oct. page 128, gave us early warning about the Hickel problem.)

Harold Gilliam wrote a fine tribute to **Stewart Udall** in *This World* (*S.F. Sunday Examiner & Chronicle*) on January 19. Gilliam summarized the former Interior Secretary's conservation achievements, including the reminder that Udall's "intervention was the turning point" in the effort to preserve Bodega Head.

The *Audubon Leader's Conservation Guide*, January 15, states:

"As he prepared to leave office, Interior Secretary Udall started action to have two large, remote areas of Alaska added to the National Wildlife Refuge System. They take in 1¼ million acres, both fronting on the Bering Sea in western Alaska, and are now administered by the Bureau of Land Management. One, the proposed Cape Newenham National Wildlife Refuge, is a peninsula that includes what may be the largest bird colony on the American mainland. Countless murre, puffins and kittiwakes nest there; in fact, many species of wildlife are plentiful there. The second is a million acre addition to the existing Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range, a great waterfowl and shorebird nesting area."

Posterity will be indebted to Udall's vision, courage, and altruistic work as Secretary of the Interior. ED.

COVEL'S CONSERVATION CORNER

Endorsement of a proposed South San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge came from three local governmental jurisdictions within one week in January. First, on Wednesday the 14th, the Fremont City Council unanimously endorsed the Refuge, which would include some miles of Fremont shoreline from the Coyote Hills area south. A week later, at their meeting on the 21st, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution recommending the acquisition of such a refuge in the South Bay. Several proponents were heard by the Council and Board.

Another resolution of endorsement for the Refuge came on the 21st



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Field trip to see conservation problems on San Francisco Bay, Sunday, March 16, 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m., boat and lunch incl.	@ \$6.00	\$
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PROGRAM

(Invited speakers; *accepted)

MARCH 14

note address by *Paul Ehrlich, Stanford, author: *The Popu-*

Role of Wildlife in Wilderness"
wildlife ecologist, The Smith-

Peterson, ornithologist, Old
Conn., author: *Wild America*
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Martha Talbot, ecologist, and

Alaska's Wilderness"

*Richard Cooley, geographer,
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*Burton Silcock, Alaska Direc-
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• SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8:45 a.m. "Alaska's Wilderness Wildlife"

*Robert Weeden, biologist, Alaska Conser-
vation Society

Urban Nelson, wildlife biologist, former Com-
missioner, Alaska Dept. Fish and Game
Will Troyer, Superintendent, Kenai Moose
Range, Alaska

*Stanley Cain, former Assistant Secretary
of Interior; now School of Natural Re-
sources, University of Michigan

panelists

12 noon Luncheon.

Address by Secretary of Interior

2:00 p.m. "Wilderness Planning and People"

*John Milton, ecologist, The Conservation
Foundation

LaMont Cole, ecologist, Cornell University

*Buckminster Fuller, designer of advanced
structures: geodesic domes, dymaxion
house

*George Macinko, geographer, Central Wash-
ington State College

panelists

4:30 p.m. Closing statement by *Garrett Har-
din, biologist, University of California,
Santa Barbara

• SUNDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Field trip by boat to portions
of San Francisco Bay where acute problems
of conserving the Bay and its shorelands will
be discussed by *Harold Gilliam, author:
The Natural World of San Francisco and
conservation articles for San Francisco
Chronicle, and by *Georg Treichel, geo-
grapher, San Francisco State College.

Announcements

mail encouraged before March 5. Registration after March 5 at conference only: Hilton
14 and 15. You can register for one day only for a reduced fee.

essage center in the hotel will accept incoming messages for those attending the conference
between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The number will be: 415-771-7170.

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will be held Thursday, March 13 at 8 p.m.



from the Oakland Park Commission at their regular meeting. Following a presentation by the Park Naturalist by invitation of Supt. John Peetz, the Commissioners decided that since Lake Merritt represents the oldest wildlife refuge in North America and since populations of ducks visiting Lake Merritt have declined sharply due to shrinkage of the Bay marshes and tidelands in recent years—it was proper and desirable that they should recommend this new refuge.

While conservationists rallied to prevent or modify proposed destruction of scenic Apperson Ridge (near Sunol) in our backyard, some may have overlooked another disaster to our front-yard scenery currently in progress along the northern Richmond shoreline. These are the quarries located south of Ferry Point and the Standard Oil docks, and another immediately north of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Singularly enough, two generally conservation-conscious oil companies owning these sites leased them to the quarrying concerns: Richfield Oil, the first-named site, and Standard Oil, the site opposite the Richmond base and toll plaza of the bridge.

The Contra Costa Shoreline Park Committee is fighting to preserve these hilltops, which protect Richmond from prevailing winds as well as enhance the landscape. The Richmond Parks and Recreation Commission has requested a Special Features Additive District to control quarrying operations. Interested persons may write to the Richmond City Council and to the Richmond Planning Commission.—PAUL F. COVEL, *Conservation Chairman*.

"DEATH VALLEY—LAND OF CONTRAST", MARCH 3

The Audubon Wildlife Film season will close with Kent Durden's "Death Valley—Land of Contrast" on **Monday, March 3**, in Berkeley.

A native Californian, Mr. Durden has spent many months exploring Death Valley. In this harsh environment, his camera found delicate orchids blooming. Also, he has found an underwater garden harboring hundreds of small fish—an isolated water hole miles from civilization. Combing the different habitats, he photographed the ring-tailed cat searching for food in the sand dunes. In the surrounding hills the desert bighorn sheep are now faced with an even keener struggle for survival because of the steadily diminishing water holes. Mr. Durden has also explored the tall peaks where trees in the ancient bristlecone forest have been standing for more than 4600 years. Forty species of birds and other animals are featured in this film.

Kent Durden has contributed footage for two Walt Disney films, and has photographed wildlife for several episodes of the "Lassie" television show. He has produced two documentaries—"Deserted Island" and "Sky Skipper" which have been on national television, and he currently produces educational films for school use.

If you do not have a season ticket for Audubon Wildlife Films, single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students under 18. The film will be shown at 8:15 p.m. in the Martin Luther King, Jr. (Garfield) School Auditorium, Rose St. at Grant, Berkeley.

"SWITZERLAND" IN OAKLAND ON MARCH 18

"Switzerland" by Phil Walker will be the fifth personally narrated film in the 1968-69 Wide World Film Lecture Series presented in the Oakland Auditorium Theatre by the Oakland Museum Association. The film will begin at **8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18**. Proceeds benefit the fund for Museum acquisitions in the Natural Sciences and support the educational programs of the Natural Sciences Guild of the Museum Association. Single admission is \$1.75 for adults and 75¢ for children under 16 (available at the Theatre Box Office on the night of performance). The Oakland Auditorium Theatre is at 10th and Fallon Sts.

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH

Audubon Canyon Ranch will be open to the public without appointment on weekends **March 1 through July 6** so that visitors may watch the nesting activities of the Great Blue Herons and Common Egrets. The Ranch is open during the week to groups by appointment (868-0563).

Golden Gate Audubon Society has the opportunity to provide weekend hosts and hostesses for the month of March and for the first two weekends in May. If you can volunteer in March, please call our President, Mrs. Patricia Boese (339-8374, evenings) and in May call Mrs. Patricia Sullivan DeFreitas (655-3731).

Volunteers will also be needed to help Mrs. Helen Pratt with her valuable nesting study at the Ranch. If you can help with this field study, please write or phone Mrs. Pratt, 337 Jean St., Mill Valley, CA 94941 (388-1966).

Mrs. Bonnie Smith, custodian of the Canyon Ranch film, reports that there is no longer a waiting list for it. The film is now readily available—without charge. It is a 16 mm. sound film narrated by the photographer, Mrs. Laurel Reynolds, and lasts 20 minutes. To borrow it call Mrs. Smith (681-7635) or write her at 555 Dewey Blvd., S.F. 94116.

The following gifts of remembrance were made to Canyon Ranch:

In Memory of:

Mr. Frank Kawashiri	<i>Gift of:</i> Mrs. Howard Fletcher
Lloyd Perry Montgomery	Mr. & Mrs. Woodford F. Harrison
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A gift was made *in honor of* Myra Browne by Lolita Peterson.

—DR. ALBERT BOLES, *Sanctuary & Memorial Fund Chairman.*

Contributions and Memorial Gifts were made to Audubon Nature Training—Sponsored by Golden Gate Audubon Society:

The Garden Section, College Women's Club of Berkeley made a gift in memory of Miss Ruby Ethel Lamb.

Phyllis Zweigart made a gift honoring her family and friends at Christmas.

The Northern California Chapter of the Nature Conservancy at its last Board Meeting voted a contribution of \$100.

Other gifts were received from Genevieve Calvin, Janet Nickelsburg, Florence Plymell, and Robert DaCosta.

Gifts may be sent to Audubon Nature Training, P.O. Box 103, Berkeley, CA 94701.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS AND OBSERVATIONS

The highlight on our cold, windy Dec. 7th trip to Bodega Bay was a pair of Oldsquaws.

Despite being handicapped by rain on the Jan. 18th Dillon Beach trip, we observed countless numbers of loons, many Black Brant, and had excellent views of Common Scoters.—MRS. VALERIA G. DaCOSTA.

The Tomales Bay Christmas Count, sponsored by Golden Gate and Marin Audubon Societies, tallied 188 species (89,751 individual birds). The Drake's Bay Count tallied 164 species and Oakland Count had 155 species. For the Oakland census Bill Pursell found a Black-legged Kittiwake (dying).

Dec. 8—Dr. Max Gardner observed a Dipper at the Jewel Lake Dam in Tilden Park, Berkeley.

For several weeks in January a Slate-colored Junco visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rasmussen's feeder in Berkeley.

Jan. 22—Bill Pursell observed an *albino* White-winged Seoter on Richardson Bay.

Jan. 25—Val DaCosta saw a 2nd yr. Glaucous Gull at Rodeo Lagoon.

Feb. 4-5—Gregary Grenfell observed a Slate-colored Junco on his feeder in the Dimond District of Oakland.

Feb. 5—Elsie Roemer found a hybrid Flicker in Alameda—Yellow wing and tail linings, red nape, dark red (almost black) mustache, and brown crown.

The Monterey area had *four Yellow-billed Loons* in January. One died and became a museum specimen. A *Galápagos Petrel* appeared at Carmel in January. It is now in the Pacific Grove Museum.

About 150 White-faced Ibis were in Los Banos Wildlife Area Feb. 2.

NATURE CONSERVANCY TO OFFER 6 ISLAND HAWAII TOUR

The Nature Conservancy will offer a 6 Island Tour of Hawaii following the National Convention in Seattle. The tour will depart from San Francisco or Los Angeles August 23 and Seattle August 24, bound for 14 days in Hawaii. Priced at \$524 from San Francisco (or \$544 from Seattle) the tour will include Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Hawaii, Kauai, and Lanai. Events have been planned of special interest to naturalists. These include visits to Kanaha Pond on Maui where more than 50 species of Hawaiian birds have been observed and to the new Waiehu Natural Area, also on Maui, where many rare plants may be seen. To obtain a brochure on this Tour, write to Unitours of San Francisco, Unitours Bldg., Sausalito, CA 94965, (332-4310).

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